



For national reporting purposes, ICD-10-AM 10th edition classifications MUST be used

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COVID19 CONFIRMED

Patients admitted with confirmed COVID19 should be coded as follows:

- A code for the acute respiratory condition (e.g. other viral pneumonia J12.8)
- B97.2 Coronavirus as the cause of diseases classified to other chapters to identify the infectious agent
- U07.1 Emergency use of U07.1
An additional Z29.0 for patients requiring isolation (as per ACS0002)

DO NOT assign U07.1 to episodes where novel coronavirus is only suspected

COVID19 SUSPECTED (ACS 0012)

Patients admitted for suspected COVID19 should be coded as:

1- If the patient had no symptoms and test results were negative:

- A code from Z03 should be assigned as the principal diagnosis
- An additional Z29.0 for patients requiring isolation

2- If the patient had symptoms and test results were negative:

- Symptoms should be coded not Z03 in this case
- An additional Z29.0 for patients requiring isolation

3- If the patient was transferred to another hospital:

- A code for the acute respiratory condition (e.g other Viral pneumonia J12.8)
- B97.2 Coronavirus as the cause of diseases classified to other chapters to identify the infectious agent
- Z75.6 *Transfer for suspected condition*
- An additional Z29.0 for patients requiring isolation

Note: As Per ACS0002 Isolation Code would only be used if the patient is documented as being isolated i.e. isolated for infection control.

Z29.0 Isolation Admission to protect the individual from his or her surroundings or for isolation of individual after contact with infectious diseases.

As per WHO "COVID19" has been declared a public health emergency of international concern.

For more information, please see the WHO Emergencies websites:

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/en/> OR <https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>.

An emergency ICD-10 code of U07.1 is assigned to the disease diagnosis of COVID19 acute respiratory disease.¹



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SUBJECT: Novel coronavirus; use of WHO code for emergency use

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Novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) is a new (or 'novel') strain of coronavirus not previously identified in humans before the outbreak in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China.

Coronaviruses (CoV) are a large family of viruses that cause illness ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases such as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS-CoV) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS-CoV).

Common signs of 2019-nCoV infection include respiratory symptoms such as cough, shortness of breath, breathing difficulties and fever. In severe cases, the infection can cause pneumonia, severe acute respiratory syndrome, kidney failure and death.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has advised that U07.1 *Emergency use of U07.1* is assigned for confirmed diagnosis of 2019-nCoV acute respiratory disease. Please note that WHO has also advised that the name '2019-nCoV' is temporary and is likely to change (independent of date and virus family, and for consistency with international virus taxonomy).

CLASSIFICATION

Where documentation indicates acute respiratory disease due to 2019-nCoV, assign:

- A code for the acute respiratory condition as per the guidelines in ACS 0001 *Principal diagnosis* and ACS 0002 *Additional diagnoses*
- B97.2 *Coronavirus as the cause of diseases classified to other chapters* to identify the infectious agent
- U07.1 *Emergency use of U07.1* as an additional diagnosis.

Note: DO NOT assign U07.1 to episodes where novel coronavirus is only suspected. For suspected cases, please see ACS 0012 *Suspected conditions* for guidance.

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